

FAS-930
(08-26-03)U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Foreign Agricultural ServiceTRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE (TAA) FOR FARMERS
PETITION FOR CERTIFICATION AND ELIGIBILITY FOR A GROUP OF PRODUCERS

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1. Name of Authorized Representative or Primary Contact Louise E. King		2. Name and Business Address (Including City, State, and Zip Code) Tropical Fruit Growers of South Florida, Inc. 18710 SW 288 Street Homestead, FL 33030	
3. Telephone Number (Including Area Code) (305) 401-1502		5. E-Mail Address tropicalfruitgrowers@earthlink.net	
4. Fax Number (Including Area Code) (305) 246-2932			
6. This petition is made on behalf of the following producers: (Use separate sheet for additional producers)			
A. Name of Producers	B. Mailing Address	C. Telephone No. (Including Area Code)	D. E-Mail Address
Louise E. King	18710 SW 288 Street Homestead, FL 33031	(305) 401-1502	tropicalfruitgrowers@earthlink.net
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7. COMMODITY INFORMATION:

A. Description of the raw (excludes processed) agricultural commodity: (e.g., fresh raspberries) fresh lychees	B. Commodity's Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS) Number (HTS can be found at: http://www.fas.usda.gov/ustradel) HTS 0810.90.30
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C. This petition is for the most recent marketing year for the commodity beginning in May 2003 and ending July 2003
(month/year) (month/year)

D. Check whether the certification is to cover a commodity produced nationally or in an "impacted" area (state or states):

☐ National ☒ State(s) (list): Florida

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8. If Item 7D "National" is checked, provide the national average annual price for the most recent marketing year and the 5 preceding marketing years. If Item 7D "State(s)" is checked to indicate that the petition is for an impacted area, provide the relevant average price for the most recent marketing year and the 5 preceding years, and specify the months being averaged if the price is for less than 12 months (seasonal price).

(NOTE: National price data is available for many raw agricultural commodities from the Department's National Agricultural Statistical Service (NASS) at: www.usda.gov/nass.)

A. Marketing Year	B. Average Annual Price				
Most recent:					
2003	\$ 1.08/lb.				
Provide prices for the 5 years prior to the most recent marketing year. Beginning with the most recent.	C. 5-Year Average Annual Price				
	1 Year ago	2 Years ago	3 Years ago	4 Years ago	5 Years ago
	\$ 3.23/lb.	\$ 1.78/lb.	\$ 1.82/lb.	\$ 2.91/lb.	\$ 5.07/lb.

9. Basis for request for adjustment assistance. Please explain or attach any documents, which show how increased imports have affected the national price of your product during the most recent marketing year. In your description include any other factors which may also have contributed to lower producer prices.

The Florida lychee industry experienced record low prices for Florida grown product during the 2003 season. Growers reported receiving approximately \$1.08/lb for their 2003 crop, compared to the previous five year average price of \$2.96/lb. (1998 = \$5.07/lb, 1999 = \$2.91, 2000 = \$1.82, 2001 = \$1.78, 2002 = \$3.23). In the July 01, 2003 edition of the Agricultural Marketing Service's, Fruit and Vegetable Market News Report # HX-FV010, Volume LXXXIX - Number 126, page 2, the Chicago Wholesale price for Florida lychees was \$40.00/20# flat, while Mexican lychees via California sold for \$22.00/flat.

We believe the major influence for this sharp decline in price in the market place has been the increase in importation of lychees from Mexico and Taiwan. According to the USDA/SITC records for lychees and longans (HTS - 20089935), from the 2002 season to the 2003 season there was an increase of 157% in imported Mexican lychees and longans, and an increase of 141% in lychees and longans from Taiwan. See attached Sheet # 1. [The Harmonized Tariff Schedule does not differentiate between lychees and longans in their records. Florida longan growers reported similar price declines for the 2003 season. A FAS-930 for Florida longans is being filed.]

Generally, the price quoted for the 2003 season for imported lychee was significantly lower than for Florida produced fruit, which made it difficult to sell and market domestic fruit against a lower priced import. Local packer Michael Chow, Double Green Farms, Homestead, FL phone (305) 219 4671, and lychee grower, Marc Ellenby, LNB Groves, Homestead, FL (305) 248 7595 also reported prices of Taiwan lychee, FOB California, \$0.99 per lb, and Taiwan lychee, FOB New York \$1.50 per lb. during 2003.

The Trade Adjustment Act, TAA, requires that a group of individuals who petition the Foreign Agricultural Service, FAS, for compensation must prove that "the national average price in the most recent marketing year for the commodity produced by the group is equal to or less than 80% of the national average price in the preceeding marketing years, and that the increased imports of that commodity contributed importantly to the decline in prices". We believe that these requirements have been met, and therefore submit this petition.

10A. SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OR PRIMARY CONTACT <i>Louise E. King</i>	10B. TITLE secretary	10C. DATE SIGNED January 30, 2004
11A. SIGNATURE OF FAS REPRESENTATIVE	11B. TITLE	11C. DATE

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HTS - 20089935: Lychees and longans, otherwise prepared or preserved, nesi
First Unit of Quantity by Country Name and First Unit of Quantity
For ALL Countries

U.S. Imports For Consumption

Annual + Year-To-Date Data from Jan - Nov

Country	Quantity Description	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2002 YTD	2003 YTD	Percent Change YTD2002 - YTD2003
		In 1,000 Units of Quantity							
Canada	kilograms	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	-100.0%
China	kilograms	24	484	210	164	605	574	446	-22.2%
France	kilograms	0	2	0	1	2	1	2	110.8%
Hong Kong	kilograms	0	19	0	0	0	0	0	N/A
Indonesia	kilograms	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	N/A
Mexico	kilograms	0	90	46	16	10	10	26	157.9%
Netherlands	kilograms	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	N/A
Taiwan	kilograms	125	454	41	95	28	28	69	141.6%
Thailand	kilograms	2,364	3,411	2,671	2,801	3,596	3,117	3,456	10.8%
Vietnam	kilograms	28	2	0	1	3	3	7	197.0%

Sources: Data on this site have been compiled from tariff and trade data from the U.S. Department of Commerce, the U.S. Treasury, and the U.S. International Trade Commission.